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In a decision mailed March 12, 2004, the instant reexamination proceedings and then copending reissue application No. 09/512,592 were *sua sponte* merged. Under section III, "Conduct of the Merged Reissue Application Examination and Reexamination Proceedings", paragraph No. 5, it was stated that if the application/patent owner fails to file a timely and appropriate response to any Office action, the merged proceeding will be terminated as follows: The reissue application will be held abandoned, and the merger will be dissolved as to the reissue application. With respect to the four reexamination proceedings that will remain merged as one proceeding, the Commissioner will proceed to issue a reexamination certificate under § 1.570 in accordance with the last action of the Office, unless further action is clearly needed as a result of the difference in rules relating to reexamination and reissue proceedings.

On June 11, 2010 a Notice of Abandonment was mailed by the Office in reissue application No. 09/512,592 for failure to timely and appropriately respond to the BPAI decision of March 29, 2010. Accordingly, in view of the abandonment of the reissue application and guidelines set forth in section III of the decision merging the reissue application with the four reexamination proceedings, the merger is hereby deemed dissolved.

Upon mailing of this decision, the reexamination proceedings will be forwarded to an examiner in the Central Reexamination Unit for the issuance of an appropriate action.

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